

REMARKS

The preceding amendment is submitted to change multiple-dependent claims to ordinary dependent claims in order to avoid the multiple-dependent claim surcharge as well as any grounds for objection for improper dependence.

Entry of the amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested, as is an early and positive consideration of the claims by an examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John F. Gulbin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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